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Supportive Housing Awards at the Tribune Apartments

On Friday, March 11th at 9:00 a.m., Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. (POAH) will host the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Supportive Housing Awards at the Tribune Apartments, located at 46 Irving Street.

This award ceremony will mark the achievement of a long-pursued goal of successfully leveraging multiple funding sources in order to accomplish a major refurbishment at the facility. The ceremony will be emceed by POAH's President and CEO Aaron Gornstein, featuring the following speakers: Lt. Gov. Karen Polito, State Senator Karen Spilka, DHCD Undersecretary Chrystal Kornegay and Framingham Town Manager Robert Halpin.

Located in downtown Framingham, Tribune Apartments is a 53-unit apartment complex providing affordable housing for elderly and disabled residents. POAH, a nonprofit developer, purchased the Tribune Apartments in the fall of 2013 and immediately began planning a facility renovation. Since 2014, POAH has worked closely with the Framingham Community Development Department to advance their renovation plans.

Major milestones have included a letter of support for the project from the Framingham Board of Selectmen, in addition to \$172,274 in grant funding to help offset the overall renovation costs. On Friday, March 4th the DHCD notified POAH that remaining required funding for the project had been awarded.

The \$14 million renovation will be the first substantial repairs since 1982. Improvements will include general refurbishment of the overall facility, renovated kitchens and bathrooms, a new roof, and accessibility upgrades.

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